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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

OAL RFI 3-05.01

Overview

The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) invites any interested person to provide information that may assist us in contracting for the future publication of the Official California Code of Regulations (CCR). **We are seeking the broadest possible information concerning publication of the CCR (printed and online versions)**, as well as information concerning the publication of other states' administrative codes or other official documents. We welcome suggestions and comments that any person deems of relevance to the publication of the CCR or similar official documents. We invite the submission of proposals and/or contracts that relate to publishing or printing hardcopy official documents or developing, providing and maintaining online searchable reference material. We also wish to compile a list of potential contractors for publishing the CCR. Any person may request to be added to our mailing list for all future communications on this topic.

Background/Current Contract

The Office of Administrative Law was created by the Legislature in 1979 to ensure that state agency regulations are authorized by statute and adopted pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act. Each year, OAL reviews thousands of regulations proposed by state agencies. After a regulation is approved by OAL and filed with the Secretary of State (SOS), it is published in the California Code of Regulations.

The CCR currently consists of 28 Titles contained in 39 three-ring binders. ♦ Each section of the CCR is followed by Authority and Reference citations and History Notes. OAL files paper copies of approved regulations with the Secretary of State almost daily, and the publisher updates the CCR on a weekly basis.

The current publisher is responsible for publication of hardcopy, CD-ROM and online versions of the CCR, including weekly updates.* Under the current contract, the publisher pays an annual license fee to OAL for the exclusive rights to publish the Official CCR. OAL does not pay the current contractor for its services. The current contract requires the publisher to provide free copies of the CCR to 58 county clerks and 100 depository libraries, and offsets a portion of the license fee for publishing the online CCR. The current contractor receives value from the contract by selling hardcopy and CD-ROM versions of the CCR (or selected portions) to attorneys, the regulated public, and state and local agencies, among others, as well as revenues from licensing all or part of the CCR to other publishers.

♦ On January 1, 2005, the CCR contained 22,744 pages.

*The California Regulatory Notice Register, in which state agencies publish official notice of their intent to propose regulations, is a separate document issued weekly by the Office of State Publishing.

Under the current contract, the intellectual property rights in the CCR are owned by OAL on behalf of the State of California. The current contract permits the publisher to copyright a Master Index and any editorial enhancements prepared by the publisher.

Purpose/Use of Information Provided Pursuant to this Request

The current contract to publish the CCR ends on December 31, 2005. **OAL intends to issue one or more Requests for Proposals in 2005 covering some or all of the functions involved in publishing the CCR, and expects to award a contract for future hardcopy and online publication of the CCR after conducting a competitive contracting process.**

OAL will not conduct any formal evaluation process for anything received in response to this Request For Information. Any person wishing to receive future communications from OAL about the CCR contract process must request to be added to the CCR Contract Mailing List.

Contact Information

We recommend that any response to this RFI state clearly that it relates to **OAL CCR RFI 3-05.01**. Information, comments, suggestions or questions in response to this Request for Information, or requests to be added to the CCR Contract Mailing List, shall be submitted on or before April 30, 2005 to:

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